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Date: 1/28/02 4:10pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am e-mailing to you a copy of the letter we are attempting to fax to you at 202-616-9937 in support of the Microsoft settlement. We will keep trying to fax the letter to you, and we are placing the original of the letter in the mail.

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Ms. Renata B. Hesse
Antitrust Division
U.S. Department of Justice
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RE: Comments on the Microsoft Proposed Settlement Agreement

Dear Ms. Hesse:

The Prince William Regional Chamber of Commerce is writing this letter to express its support for the settlement reached by the U.S. Department of Justice, nine state attorneys general and Microsoft in the long-running antitrust lawsuit initiated by the federal government.

The Region's Chamber is critically aware of how important it is to our national economy that all businesses be able to "get back to business." There were many knowledgeable people guided by an internationally recognized mediator to reach the Microsoft settlement. We believe that additional litigation, following on the heels of many years of costly legal proceedings and on the subsequent work of those in mediation would serve only to prolong the negative impact on our economy of the Microsoft litigation.

Therefore, the Prince William Regional Chamber of Commerce, an organization of more than 800 businesses in the Prince William area, respectfully encourages the U.S. Department of Justice to urge the Courts to adopt the agreement with all due speed so that business and our national – and even international – economy can move forward again with certainty.

Sincerely,

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